

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a hinged guarantee closure for a container, said closure comprising a cap ~~(11; 22; 38)~~ having an integral closing member ~~(12; 23)~~ for closing cooperation with an opening in said container, and a ring member ~~(13; 24; 39)~~ for connection to said container around said opening, characterised in that the guarantee closure is injection moulded and formed in the closed state, i.e., with a guarantee seal, the closure being injection moulded in such a form that the moulded closure will comprise said cap ~~(11; 22; 38)~~ and said ring member ~~(13; 24; 39)~~ connected by a hinge element ~~(15; 26)~~ and at least one guarantee connection ~~(16; 27; 40)~~, but otherwise axially spaced ~~(21; 32)~~; the hinge element is made in the periphery of the cap.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, characterised in that the ring member ~~(13; 24; 39)~~ is injection moulded with a coupling part ~~(14; 25)~~ intended for cooperation with a coupling part on the container.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, characterised in that the ring member ~~(13; 24; 39)~~ is injection moulded having an internal circumferential snap edge ~~(14; 25)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~either one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that said guarantee connection ~~(16; 27; 40)~~ is generally formed flush with the cap and ring member exterior surfaces.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~either one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the guarantee connection ~~(40)~~ is made so that it is clear whether the guarantee connection ~~(40)~~ has been broken or not.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a hinged guarantee closure on a container opening, said closure comprising a cap ~~(11; 22; 38)~~ having an integral closing member ~~(12; 23)~~ for closing cooperation with the container opening ~~(19; 30)~~, characterised in that the closure is injection moulded in the closed state, i.e., with a guarantee seal, the closure being injection moulded in such a form that the moulded closure will comprise the cap ~~(11; 22; 38)~~ with the integral closing member ~~(12; 23)~~ and a ring member ~~(13; 24; 39)~~, hinge-connected ~~(15; 26)~~ and guarantee-connected ~~(16; 27; 40)~~ to the cap ~~(11; 22)~~, but otherwise axially spaced ~~(21; 32)~~ relative to the cap ~~(11; 22)~~, the hinge ~~(15; 26)~~ is made in the periphery of the cap, and the closure is made having a coupling part ~~(14; 25)~~, and the container ~~(17; 28)~~ is provided with a coupling part ~~(20; 31)~~ that cooperates therewith.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, characterised in that the ring member (13; 24; 39) is made having an internal circumferential snap edge (14; 25), that the container (17; 28) is provided with a circumferential groove (20; 31) around the opening, adapted to the said snap edge, and that the moulded closure is pressed with its ring member (13; 24) onto the container (17; 28) so that the snap edge (14; 25) is pressed to snap into the circumferential groove (20; 31).

8. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 6 or 7~~ claim 6, characterised in that the guarantee connection (40) is made so that it is clear whether the guarantee connection (40) has been broken or not.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of either ~~one of claims 6 to 8~~ claim 6, characterised in that the guarantee connection (16; 27; 40) is generally formed flush with the cap and ring member exterior surfaces.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~either one of the preceding claims~~ claim 6, characterised in that the hinge (26) is made in a radially indented portion (36) of the cap (22).

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, characterised in that the indented portion ~~(36)~~ is shaped so as to be outwardly concave.

12. (Currently Amended) A hinged guarantee closure for an opening in a container, said closure comprising a cap ~~(11; 22; 38)~~ having an integral closing member ~~(12; 23)~~ for cooperation with said opening, and a ring member ~~(13; 24; 39)~~ for connection to the container around said opening, characterised by:

said cap and ring member being connected by a hinge element ~~(15; 26)~~ and at least one guarantee connection ~~(16; 27; 40)~~; the hinge element ~~(15; 26)~~ is formed in the periphery of the cap; and said ring member is otherwise being axially spaced ~~(21; 32)~~ relative to said cap.

13. (Original) The hinged guarantee closure of claim 12, characterised by said guarantee connection being positioned substantially diametrical of said respective hinge element.

14. (Original) The hinged guarantee closure of claim 12, characterised by said cap and ring member generally having similar external diameters.

15. (Original) The hinged guarantee closure of claim 12, characterised in

that said hinge element comprises a spring structure, whereby the cap is biased in either one of an open position or closed position relative to said ring member.

16. (Currently Amended) The hinged guarantee closure of claim 12, characterised by a coupling part ~~(14; 25)~~ on the ring member ~~(13; 24; 39)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) The hinged guarantee closure of claim 16, characterised in that the coupling part on the ring member is an internal circumferential snap edge ~~(14; 25)~~.

18. (Currently Amended) The hinged guarantee closure of ~~claims 12 to 17~~ claim 12, characterised in that the guarantee connection ~~(16; 27; 40)~~ is generally formed flush with the cap and ring member exterior surfaces

19. (Currently Amended) The hinged guarantee closure of ~~claims 12 to 18~~ claim 12, characterised in that the guarantee connection ~~(16; 27; 40)~~ is formed in the periphery of the cap and ring member.

20. (Currently Amended) The hinged guarantee closure of claims ~~12 to 19~~ claim 12, characterised in that the hinge ~~(26)~~ is arranged in a radially indented

portion (36) of the cap wall.

21. (Currently Amended) The hinged guarantee closure of claim 20, characterised in that the hinge (26) is curved concavely.

22. (Currently Amended) The hinged guarantee closure of ~~claims 12 to 21~~ claim 12, characterised in that the guarantee connection (40) is formed so that it is clear whether it has been broken or not.

23. (Currently Amended) A container having a hinged guarantee closure for an opening in said container, said closure comprising a cap (11; 22; 38) having an integral closing member (12; 23) for cooperation with said opening, and a ring member (13; 24; 39) for connection to the container around said opening, characterised by:

said guarantee closure being injection moulded and formed in the closed state, i.e., with a guarantee seal; said cap and ring member being connected by a hinge element (15; 26) and at least one guarantee connection (16; 27; 40); the hinge element (15; 26) is made in the periphery of the cap; said ring member otherwise being axially spaced (21; 32) relative to said cap and having a coupling part (14; 25); and said container being provided with a coupling part (20; 31) for cooperation with

said ring member coupling part (14; 25).

24. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 23, characterised in that the coupling part on the ring member is an internal circumferential snap edge (14; 25), and that the container has a groove (20; 31) running around the opening (19; 30) into which the snap edge (14; 25) is snapped.

25. (Currently Amended) The container of ~~claims 23 or 24~~ claim 23, characterised in that said guarantee connection is generally formed flush with the cap and ring member exterior surfaces

26. (Currently Amended) The container of ~~claim 23 to 25~~ claim 23, characterised in that the guarantee connection (40) is formed so that it is clear whether it has been broken or not.

27. (Currently Amended) The container of ~~claim 23 to 26~~ claim 23, characterised in that the hinge (26)) is arranged in a radially indented portion (36) of the cap.

28. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 27, characterised in that

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the hinge (26) is curved with outward concavity.

29. (Original) The container of claim 23, characterised by said cap, ring member, and container generally having similar external diameters.